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2. International Publication No. WO 99/45852, published September 16, 1999.

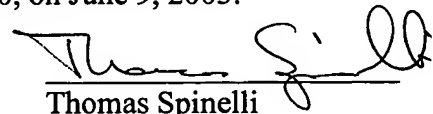
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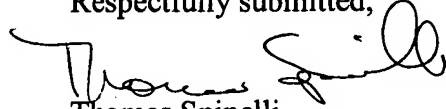
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Respectfully submitted,

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